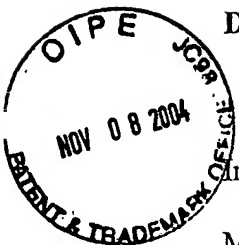


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated June 8, 2004 for two (2) months month(s) from September 8, 2004 to November 8, 2004

A check on the amount of \$430 to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No.: 07-1337.

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